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SUBJECT : MARIO SOARES PRESS CONFERENCE AT PONTA DELGADA

1. AT PRESS CONFERENCE HELD PONTA DELGADA SEPTEMBER 2, (PUBLISHED SEPTEMBER 3) MARIO SOARES ASKED POSITION OF SOCIALIST PARTY RE AMERICAN BASE AT LAJES. RESPONSE IN FOLLOWING TERMS. SOCIALIST PARTY IN FAVOR PEACE AND DISARMAMENT AND PRESENT SYSTEM OF COLLECTIVE SECURITY, ESPECIALLY IN EUROPE, NOT MOST SATISFACTORY. ATLANTIC PACT, HOWEVER, MUST CONTINUE TO EXIST AS LONG AS DOES WARSAW PACT, AND MFA POLICY IS ONE OF LOYALTY TO ATLANTIC ALLIANCE.

2. PROBLEMS ARISING FROM BASE NOT MILITARY. SOARES SAID HE COULD VERIFY (AFTER VISITING TERCEIRA) THAT POPULATION THERE IN GENERAL NOT HOSTILE TO EXISTENCE OF BASE BECAUSE IT CONTRIBUTES TO LOCAL ECONOMY AND DEVELOPMENT. PROBLEM IS ONE OF PROPER COMPENSATION.

3. FOR FIRST TIME, PORTUGAL WILL REQUEST ECONOMIC BENEFITS. AS LONG AGO AS KENNEDY ADMINISTRATION, U.S. PUT PRESSURE ON PORTUGAL TO SETTLE AFRICAN PROBLEM ON BASIS OF SELF-DETERMINATION. OFFERING UNCLASSIFIED

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ECONOMIC SUPPORT. THIS REJECTED BY FORMER REGIME IN FAVOR
EXTRACTING

U.S. POLITICAL SUPPORT IN INTERNATIONAL FORUMS.

PORTUGAL NOW FOLLOWING POLICY ORIGINALLY ADVOCATED BY U.S. DOES NOT
REQUIRE POLITICAL SUPPORT, HENCE WILLING TO ACCEPT ECONOMIC SUPPORT
IN EXCHANGE FOR BASE RIGHTS. SPECIFICATLLY MENTIONED WERE WHEAT AND
MILITARY AID, WHICH STILL NEEDED DESPITE TERMINATION OF COLONIAL WARS.

AZORES TO RECEIVE BENEFIT OF PART OF U.S. COMPENSATION. SPECIFICALLY
MENTIONED WERE DEVELOPMENT OF GEOTHERMIC ENERGY AND INDEMNIZATION
FOR
OWNERS OF LAND ON WHICH BASE LOCATED.

4. DETAILS OF VISIT FOLLOWS.
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